

SUGAR HOARDED,
BABST ASSERTS

Says Sensational Rumors of Shortage Tended to Make Real Shortage.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Foundation for the sugar shortage was laid while refinery held large stocks last February, by sensational stories of a threatened famine and strikes caused by the L. W. W., Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining company, testified today at the sugar investigation. "Consumers began to hoard," he said, and during the spring and summer demands were unprecedented. When consumers began hoarding, retailers raised prices, he said, but refiners did not increase prices as they did not desire to increase the shortage.

Reports of a Cuban revolution and destruction of cane fields stimulated the demand greatly, Babst said. Then after stocks began to run low, there was difficulty in getting raw sugar and when it was impossible to supply the eastern trade with cane sugar, the shortage presented itself.

Americans consumed 400,000 tons more in 1917 than the year previous. Babst said, and 200,000 tons of Cuban sugar usually coming to this country went abroad. He described the situation with the sugar, "You can't get your cake and have it," he said. "The demand was enormous," and added that "instead of sugar being in sugar bowls it is in fruit jars."

WOMAN RETRACTS HER
CONFESSION OF MURDER

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never moved after I struck him. He never moved a finger that I saw."

"Then it came to me what could I do with him? I studied over to my mind that I could only do to him as he had done to his boy, so I got a little wagon from the yard and rolled it up beside the bed and it seemed as though strength came to me and made me able to do it. I took the body out where he had cooked the boy and disposed of it as he had disposed of the boy."

PORTO RICO EDITOR IS
SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 19.—Vicente Balboa, editor of *El Estrella*, recently by a jury in the United States district court, on four out of five charges in connection with articles appearing in his newspaper, was sentenced yesterday to eight years imprisonment and a fine of \$4000.

Balboa attempted to convince Judge Haines by a series of articles in his paper that they had no interest in the war and that their call to the colors was illegal.

WHY PROSECUTE
A DRUNK MAN?

State Licenses the Sale of Booze; Why Fine Man for Drinking? McBride Asks.

"Suppose I am a working man, accustomed to drinking a little on every pay day. Suppose some pay day I get a little too much. I am arrested, locked up, away from my family over night. Next day I am fined ten dollars or ten days. I have spent all my money and haven't the ten dollars. I am ashamed to notify my family and I spend the ten days in jail. Then the chances are that I am so ashamed that I go and get drunk again or I may leave the town, or my family may be so mortified and disappointed that our future happiness is wrecked."

Boyle McBride was talking. He is the public defender of Pittsburgh, holding one of the most unique positions of any man in America. He is devoting his life to defending people who get into trouble. Everywhere there are public prosecutors. Mr. McBride believes that if the state prosecutes people, it should also defend them. Many cities and states have a public defender. He was the original "public defender," however.

"If the nation is licensed to sell booze, then why fine the man for drinking it? My idea is to take the man who gets drunk, give him a beer, sober him up, talk to him and send him home. You give him another chance to do right and you help his family. It is a crime to fine a man for getting drunk on whisky the state permits to be sold."

To Speak Tonight.

Mr. McBride is in El Paso as the guest of El Paso Rotary. He will be heard tonight in Temple Mt. Sinai. His lecture is free to the public. He is lecturing on the Redpath circuit and talked at Phoenix Tuesday night, where people paid a dollar to hear him. Rotary is paying all expenses of Mr. McBride to come here, and an effort is made to make him as comfortable as possible. Paragraph 12 fixes the punishment at death with no other alternative. The punishment being prescribed therein.

"Paragraph 18 of our penal code makes it a crime to kill a person justifiable when committed in attempting to be lawful ways and means to apprehend or punish a criminal. That is the crime of capital murder. The punishment being fixed at death with no other alternative. The punishment being prescribed therein."

"The situation, therefore, is desperate, and this department is under the impression that I further request, should any of such criminals be taken alive by capture, that you immediately enter with this department that we may render you our fullest assistance in dealing with such criminals in the courts. They should be prosecuted for treason, under the death penalty provision, and not for mere arson."

Be On Guard, Ranchers Warned.
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"Ranchers have a legal right to protect their property and this department will assist them in every possible way in apprehending the persons or persons responsible for these outrages," declared Sheriff Wiley.

"I suggest that all ranchers who have large stocks of provisions on hand provide armed guards for those provisions. Tragic action of this nature is necessary if we are to overthrow the evil influences at work in this community."

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FIREHOUSE
ALZARNA PEOPLE

Believe Alien Enemies to Blame; Reward Offered for Their Capture.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 19.—The authorities have no doubt that an organized effort is being made to destroy large quantities of foodstuffs and cattle feed in this valley, probably by alien enemies, who are tampering far afield by means of automobiles. In the northwestern part of the valley, near Peoria, half the bean crop is gone, fired in three several untraced stacks at different times. The cause of several cotton gin fires remains without explanation. A couple of mysterious and sections incendiary fires have been started in this city. The feed losses are the more serious in that hardly enough remains to carry local stock through the winter. Since May the hay shipments have been cut, compared with the same period during the same period of 1916. Only 20 percent of the hay crop is being shipped within the state. Due to this condition, an embargo has been put on the shipment elsewhere of the cottonseed meal produced at the two local oil mills, the only ones in the state.

Governor Issues Proclamation.
Gov. Thomas Campbell yesterday issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed these acts.

In the proclamation is set forth the fact that at the present time there is a universal need of the most effective conservation of all products, especially foodstuffs for man and animal, and that whereas several fires, apparently of incendiary origin, have recently destroyed large and valuable stores of beans and hay, in urgent demand by the government for the prosecution of the war, the governor is ordering the power and authority vested in him in offering the reward.

Death Penalty Provided.
In a communication addressed yesterday to county attorney L. M. Laney of this city, attorney General Wiley E. Jones calls attention to the numerous incendiary fires.

"The frequency of these fires," the letter reads, "plainly indicates a prearranged and organized plan in aid of our enemies in war at this time. In violation of sections 2000, et seq. of the penal code, which declare it to be treason for any person to knowingly adhere to the enemies of the state or to aid them in any way, the punishment at death with no other alternative, is prescribed therein."

Justifiable Homicide.
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Skates We Have Them
401 N. Oregon St.—Ad.

TREASURES OF HOLY SEPULCHRE
Church Have Been
Sent to Berlin.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Gen. Allenby's forces, which have occupied Jerusalem, have found the city was looted before its surrender by the Turks and Germans. Christian priests were early notified. The church of the Holy Sepulchre was robbed and its treasures, valued at millions, were sent to Berlin. Chief among these treasures was the celebrated ostensorium of brilliant. The news is contained in an official dispatch from France.

Forest Dies of Brutality.
Monsieur Cammelle, the patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been looted from his office and father Pierre, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turkish brutality.

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COL. ALEXANDER M. MILLER
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Col. Alexander M. Miller arrived today morning in El Paso to take the place of chief of staff of the new 15th cavalry division, under Maj. Gen. George W. Patton, Jr., who is on duty in the division.

The searchlight section of the second division, which was transferred to the 15th division, is attached to the 15th division.

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RANGE PESTS ARE ALLIES OF
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Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 19.—How to stop losses of grain, beef and wool by a statewide drive against prairie dogs, jack rabbits and predatory animals was the subject of discussion at a conference held here yesterday under the auspices of the state council of defense.

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The under secretary referred to the present embargo declaring that 25 percent of the silver and gold mined in Mexico must be reimported in gold bars or gold coin, but said this did not restrict the export of other minerals, especially copper, which he said could be exported in any quantity under the payment of a five percent export tax.

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U. S. FIGHTING
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Taft Says the People Themselves Must Be Taught Sense With a Club.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 19.—In an address here last night former president Taft declared we are fighting the German people, not the German government. "And the only way we can win is by hitting the German people on the head with a club."

"It is not true," said Mr. Taft, "that we are not fighting the German people. We are. We are not fighting the Kaiser and Prussian military system alone. We are fighting the German people, a people obsessed with megalomania."

In the attempt to form a constitutional monarchy in Germany failed, Mr. Taft continued, the freedom loving Germans came to this country and now are counted among our best citizens. Those who remained in Germany through the Bismarckian rule saw the success of this rule of blood and iron until Mr. Taft said, they became obsessed with the idea that success in conquest had made them a chosen people of God and that there was a German God, represented by the German state—which state could do no wrong.

Mr. Taft then described how loyal the Germans were to the government and he said they would remain so until they experienced a psychological change. And this change could be effected by their positive defeat, he said, after which they could be trusted to abandon their policy of megalomania.

Mr. Taft thought that to accomplish the defeat of the Germans the German government must come to the aid of seven million of American soldiers to France. Two million would not be enough, he thought.

Hero Of Liege Sent
By Germany To Swiss
Border; Is Rearrested

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—Gen. Lemay, known as the hero of Liege for his defense of that city in the first month of the war, was expected to arrive in Switzerland yesterday, after having been released by Germany to the frontier at Constantine.

Gen. Lemay, although seriously ill, declined last year to accept a German offer of amnesty to come to Switzerland because it was made on the ground of his ill health and age. He had been in the hospital for some time and he was unable to fight for his country.

FRENCH WRITER MARVELS
AT U. S. AVIATION CAMP

Paris, France, Dec. 19.—The members of a vast American training camp for aviators in central France are described enthusiastically in the Paris *Figaro* by Paul Giquel, who has just visited the camp. With the exception of a few huts, he writes, all material was brought from America. The work was begun in September under the direction of 250 experts. From this camp full trained pilots will be sent to the front. French aviators are there to give the benefit of their experience.

The arrangements which have been made for the comfort and entertainment of the American soldiers in all camps are praised by Giquel, who also was greatly impressed by the camp's highly developed administrative organization.

PORTUGUESE TROOPS REPEL
GERMAN ATTACK IN FRANCE

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The neighborhood of Passendale there is nothing further to report.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR
WEEK ARE 17,076

London, Eng., Dec. 19.—All British casualties reported in the week ending December 15, totaled 17,076 soldiers. Officers killed or died of wounds, 221; men, 17,076.

ANOTHER TUCSON BOY
DIES AT CAMP FUNSON

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 19.—Another Tucson boy is dead at Camp Funston, near Fort Huachuca. Robert Schaefer, aged 25, a drug store clerk before the date of his draft.

QUIET ON FRONT FRONT.

Paris, France, Dec. 19.—Today's official statement says: "There was moderate artillery activity along the front last night. There were no infantry actions."

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EL PASO CORPS
IN GOOD SHAPE

First Sergeant Rice Says That McCamant Men Are Enthusiastic.

Texas hospital corps No. 120, organized in El Paso and commanded by Maj. T. J. McCamant, is one of the most efficient organizations of its kind in Camp Bowie, according to first sergeant John T. Rice, who arrived in El Paso Wednesday night on a 10 days' furlough to visit his mother.

"Maj. McCamant has certainly got an efficient organization," said its members are enthusiastic over their work," said sergeant Rice. "The unit is composed about two miles west of Ft. Worth and within easy walking distance of the city. For this past three weeks it has been under quarantine, however, and while the soldiers have not been able to go to the city they have occupied the hospital barracks, and are looking forward to the time when the corps is ordered to France."

Quite a number of members of the corps have been ordered to special duty at the base hospital, and are obtaining valuable information on hospital work, and are looking forward to the time when they get into active service."

El Paso's three infantry companies at Ft. Worth are also drilling daily and the Paso City boys are in fine physical condition, according to Sgt. Rice.

TROOPS AT YAPHANK SEE
BRITISH TANK IN ATTACK

Camp Upton, Yaphank, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A British tank, supported by a platoon of infantry, was the center of a realistic battle staged in the coastal marshes of Long Island Sound yesterday. The British tank, supported by a platoon of infantry, was the center of a realistic battle staged in the coastal marshes of Long Island Sound yesterday.

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CLEMENTS WILL RESERVE
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XMAS SLIPPER GIFTS

The Yuletide spirit is not marred by extravagant gifts when you give a pair of Slippers—they rather enhance the sense of ease, comfort and happiness which Christmas thoughts provoke.

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